



WORLD WAR I MONUMENT PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM

The Landmarks Illinois World War I Monument Preservation Grant Program is a brick & mortar initiative initiated in 2017 to provide monetary assistance to preserve World War I monuments and memorials within the state of Illinois.

Eligibility

- Eligible beneficiaries of the Landmarks Illinois World War I Monument Preservation Grants are outdoor World War I monuments/memorials that are in need of conservation and restorative treatment to recover their dedication-era quality and appearance.
- Qualifying monuments/memorials need not be listed in the National Register of Historic Places or otherwise landmarked.

Applicants

- Applicants must be not-for-profit organizations or governmental bodies. Landmarks Illinois, in exceptional circumstances, can determine other organizations or individuals to be eligible for fiscal support if it finds:
 1. There is no other practical means of benefiting the eligible resource in lieu of granting funds to the applicant;
 2. The public benefit of preserving the eligible resource substantially outweighs the benefits to the applicant; and
 3. An exhaustive effort will be undertaken to protect the public benefit of the preservation grant after it is made.
- Applicants must demonstrate perpetual proprietorship, or have sufficient legal control of the eligible resource to permit successful completion of the proposed scope of work.
- Applicants must possess the capacity to manage the grant prudently and have the expertise to execute the proposed project in accordance with its approved conditions.
- Applicants must submit a final report to Landmarks Illinois within thirty days of project completion.

Projects

- A project must be for the purpose of preserving all or part of an Illinois World War I monument or memorial. Ordinary expenses of owning or maintaining this type of resource will not be considered preservation expenses.
- The scope of work and physical execution of the project must comply with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Preservation and Guidelines for the Treatment of Historic Properties* <https://www.nps.gov/tps/standards/four-treatments/standguide/index.htm>. Landmarks Illinois may ask the applicant for an affidavit of compliance with these standards as a condition of making a grant.
- To be considered for a Landmarks Illinois World War I Monument Preservation Grant, scopes of work for submitted projects can include, but are not limited to, any of the following resource treatments:
 1. Repair
 2. Cleaning
 3. Repointing
 4. Replacement of Documented Missing Elements
 5. Replacement of Original Organic Landscape Elements
 6. Re-location Out of Harm's Way of Subject Monument

Size of Grants

Grants range from \$500—\$5,000. The size of the grant will be determined by the need of Eligible Application and will be awarded on a matching basis. A match may be a direct dollar amount or, using volunteer labor or services, equal the value of the grant.

How to Apply

A completed application must include:

- Landmarks Illinois World War I Monument Preservation Grant application form
- Digital images of the monument/memorial
- Location map
- A clear description of the repair needs and proposed Scope of Work to include treatment procedures
- Overall project line budget
- The applicant must provide documentation from the IRS of its not-for-profit status and the Bylaws of the organization

Applications which do not include these items will not be considered complete.

Review of Applications

The Landmarks Illinois World War I Monument Preservation Grant Program is a short-term initiative. Grants will be awarded during 2017 and 2018 with the following application deadlines:

2017 – May 15 & November 15

2018 – May 15 & August 15

Applications will be evaluated principally on the condition of the subject resource, the submitted scope of work and the inherent ability of the applicant to execute the planning, management and execution of the proposed project.

Contact

Please submit the application in digital format on a cd or jump drive (Please do not send via email):

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